

SMOKING PRODUCT PACKAGING DEVICE AND METHOD

Abstract

An improved apparatus (15) for packaging smoking products comprising a loading carriage (16) configured and arranged to hold smoking products, a reservoir divider (18) separating the loading carriage into a first reservoir compartment (19) for units of a first type of smoking product (21) and a second reservoir compartment (20) for units of a second type of smoking product (22), a feeder (23) for guiding a preselected number of the units of smoking product to an ejection position (24) for packaging, a feed divider (25) separating the feeder into a first feed compartment (26) for units of the first type of smoking product and a second feed compartment (28) for units of the second type of smoking product, the first reservoir compartment communicating with the first feed compartment and the second reservoir compartment communicating with the second feed compartment, the divider and compartments configured and arranged to guide units of the first type of smoking product and units of the second type of smoking product to the ejection area such that units of both the first type of smoking product and second type of smoking product are positioned to be ejected as a group (29).